

## contact us

To learn how you can keep your kids safe with **Project 8** or if you qualify for a child seat, visit [www.state.sd.us/project8](http://www.state.sd.us/project8) or contact a **Project 8** program in your region

### Region 1: West

Early Childhood Connections  
809 South Street, Ste. 304  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
(605) 342-6464  
(888) 999-7759

### Region 3: North

Early Childhood Partners  
1500 N. Main Street  
Aberdeen, SD 57401  
(605) 229-8505  
(800) 982-6404

### Region 5: Southeast

Sanford Children's CHILD  
Services  
1115 W. 41st Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
(605) 333-0698  
(800) 235-5923 Ext. 4

### Region 2: Central

Early Childhood Training Network  
124 E. Dakota Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501  
(605) 773-4755  
(866) 206-8206

### Region 4: Northeast

Family Resource Network  
South Dakota State University  
PO Box 2218  
Brookings, SD 57007  
(605) 688-5730  
(800) 354-8238



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## Parent's guide: child seat safety



Dear Parents:

South Dakota's kids are our most valuable resource. To help protect them, I invite you to be a part of the state's child seat program: **Project 8**.

Project 8 is South Dakota's new goal to keep kids safe by making sure they are in the best child seat for their height and weight, until they are at least 8 years old. At 8 years, most children can safely wear a seat belt because they are taller than 4'9" and weigh more than 80 pounds.

Project 8 also distributes child seats to income eligible families statewide by assessing financial need. Contact a Project 8 program near you for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Rounds".

Governor Mike Rounds



# infants

**Age:** Birth to 1 year

**Weight:** Up to 35 pounds

**Type of Seat:** Infant-only or Rear-facing Convertible

**Direction to Face:** Infants should ride rear-facing to at least 1 year of age AND at least 20 pounds. The seat should be at a 45-degree angle to keep the child's head from falling forward. Do not tip it too far back or the child could come out of the seat in a crash.



*Note: Infants who outgrow an infant-only seat before 1 year of age should ride rear-facing in a convertible child seat.*



# toddlers

**Age:** Older than 1 year old

**Weight:** 20 pounds to 40 pounds

**Type of Seat:** Convertible or Forward-facing Only

**Direction to Face:** A child older than 1 year of age AND heavier than 20 pounds may ride facing forward. Use the upright position recommended by the manufacturer.



*Note: Secure a child in a child seat with a full harness until he/she is heavier than 40 pounds. A child heavier than 40 pounds should move to a booster seat.*



# young children

**Age:** Until at least 8 years old

**Weight:** Heavier than 40 pounds

**Type of seat:** Belt-positioning Booster Seat, or High-back Booster Seat

**Direction to Face:** Forward-Facing



*Note: All children who have outgrown infant or convertible child seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until they are at least 8 years old, meet weight limit of booster seat or are 4' 9".*

